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APPLICANT: Kenneth A. Mikkelsen, et al

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FOR: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR
THE TREATMENT OF WASTE WATER

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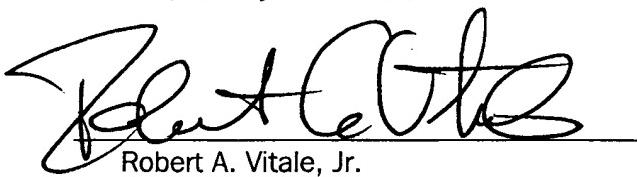
Assistant Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted Herewith is response to the non-final Office Action dated October 23, 2002 in the above-referenced application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficiencies with respect to this communication to Deposit Account No. 14-1131. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

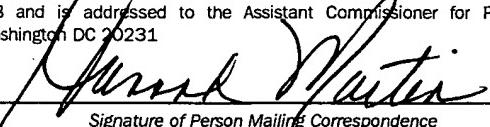
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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002,
please enter the following Amendment.

In The Claims

Please amend claims 8-11 as follows:

| 8. (Once Amended) A three-phase process for the treatment of
waste water comprising:

an initial mix fill phase having a predetermined duration in
which waste water is continuously directed into a vessel
containing an activated sludge, the waste water is
continuously mixed with the activated sludge and the vessel